**Directions***: Answer the questions below as you read pp. 247-258 in the Edwards textbook. Use supporting detail from the textbook in your answers.*

1. What is the ultimate goal of political parties?
2. Describe who comprises each of the following groups
   1. Party in the Electorate
   2. Party as an Organization
   3. Party in Government
3. Describe the five functions of political parties described in your text
4. Describe Anthony Downs’ Rational-choice theory. If this theory is valid, what are its potential consequences?
5. What does one need to do to become a member of the Republican or Democratic parties?
6. What is party identification?
7. What two conclusions can be drawn from the data presented in Figure 8.2 (described in the text)?
8. What is ticket splitting? Who is most likely to engage in ticket splitting?
9. Why is the party as an organization described as having a limited role?
10. Why has the power of urban party organizations declined?
11. Describe the differences among:
    1. Closed Primaries
    2. Open Primaries
    3. Blanket Primaries
12. What has been the trend regarding the importance of state parties since the 1960s?
13. Who is the supreme power within each party?
14. What is a coalition?
15. What percentage of policy promises resulted in policy action?